(Million Tonnes)

Crops	Annual production targets			
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Rice	87.80	92.80	93.00	97.00
Wheat	75.53	75.53	75.50	78.50
Coarse Cereals	36.52	36.52	37.50	42.00
Pulses	15.15	15.15	15.50	15.50

Suicide by farmers

†560.SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of suicides by farmers during the five years prior to the year 2001 were 15,747 every year while it has increased to 17,366 every year during the next six years from the year 2002;

(b) if not, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reasons for such a wide difference during the said two periods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) A Statement indicating the year-wise and State/UT-wise data regarding number of suicides under the Head "Self Employed (farming/agriculture) for the period 1997 to 2007" as reported in the Annual Reports of the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) of the Ministry of Home Affairs is enclosed, which is self explanatory (*See* below). The data depicts a declining trend since 2004 and the suicide number has come down to 16632 in 2007 from 18241 in 2004. The reasons for committing suicide by farmers have not been analyzed in the NCRB report. However, the State Governments have broadly reported crop failure, indebtedness, drought, social and economic insecurities as causes for suicide by farmers.

In order to address the problem of indebtedness of farmers, a scheme of debt waiver and debt relief for farmers as announced by the Government in the Union Budget 2008-09 has been implemented by Ministry of Finance benefiting about 3.68 crore of farmers with total amount of waiver and relief amounting to about Rs.65318 crore. Besides a Rehabilitation Package is also being implemented in the 31 districts reporting high number of incident of suicides.

Statement

State-wise Number of Suicides under the subhead Self Employed (Farming/Agriculture) from 1997 to 2007

Sl. No.	State/UT	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Andhra Pradesh	1097	1813	1974	1525	1509	1896	1800	2666	2490	2607	1797
2	Arunachal Pradesh	12	0	6	9	17	27	11	20	25	4	15

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
3	Assam	223	160	82	126	167	271	187	331	299	322	278
4	Bihar	94	127	127	32	61	80	46	23	39	46	86
5	Chhattisgarh	-	-	-	-	1452	1238	1066	1395	1412	1483	1593
6	Goa	7	5	5	15	18	11	18	8	11	5	0
7	Gujarat	565	653	500	661	594	570	581	523	615	487	317
8	Haryana	45	185	205	238	145	190	207	160	140	190	179
9	Himachal Pradeshc	23	26	39	35	22	25	34	52	20	22	15
10	Jammu & Kashmir	3	2	3	38	15	16	8	1	2	34	33
11	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	27	21	21	21	124	103	113
12	Karnataka	1832	1883	2379	2630	2505	2340	2678	1963	1883	1720	2135
13	Kerala	1204	1514	1431	1295	1035	1533	1583	903	1118	1124	1232
14	Madhya Pradesh	2390	2278	2654	2660	1372	1340	1445	1638	1248	1375	1263
15	Maharashtra	1917	2409	2423	3022	3536	3695	3836	4147	3926	4453	4238
16	Manipur	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	2	2	0	0
17	Meghalaya	1	6	5	2	4	8	4	11	4	3	18
18	Mizoram	5	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	1	0
19	Nagaland	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
20	Orissa	251	418	265	199	256	345	365	379	254	283	240
21	Punjab	111	108	87	73	45	40	26	74	47	85	88
22	Rajasthan	659	705	724	736	505	587	636	749	461	395	618
23	Sikkim	22	15	17	10	18	8	31	49	41	35	21
24	Tamil Nadu	932	1089	804	882	985	1455	1052	1599	1255	426	484
25	Tripura	18	241	97	14	41	41	4	15	29	7	0
26	Uttar Pradesh	568	727	845	735	688	525	387	496	522	411	486
27	Uttaranchal					21	34	41	22	24	51	28
28	West Bengal	1539	1457	1240	1377	1246	1518	1036	822	965	1189	1102
29	Total (States)	13526	15821	15913	16318	16284	17820	17107	18071	16956	16863	16379
30	A & N Islands	12	11	9	16	3	7	1	3	8	6	16
31	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
32	D & N Haveli	28	18	8	21	19	21	23	7	13	12	17
33	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
34	Delhi (UT)	10	37	19	17	18	33	8	13	7	3	23

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	Pondicherry	46	128	133	230	91	88	23	145	147	175	197
37	Total (UTs)	96	194	169	285	131	151	57	170	175	197	253
38	Total (All India)	13622	16015	16082	16603	16415	17971	17164	18241	17131	17060	16632

SOURCE: National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs

Innovative measures for agriculture

561. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of innovative measures taken by his Ministry in the field of agriculture during the last three years;

(b) the plans for the future;

(c) the details of suggestions received from different quarters in this regard; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has launched the following schemes to increase the production and productivity in the field of agriculture during the last three years (i) National Food Security Mission; (ii) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana; (iii) National Bamboo Mission; (iv) National Rainfed Area Authority; (v) Post Harvest Technology and Management and (vi) National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility. In addition to that the National Policy for Farmers has also been approved.

(b) These schemes will continue in the Eleventh Plan.

(c) and (d) Policy/schemes of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation are finalized after due consultation with stake holders.

Land for landless farmers

562. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission on Farmers has recommended for provision of one acre of land to every landless farmer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study on the number and conditions of landless farmers in the country;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) the concrete measures taken by Government to improve the condition of such landless farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) National Commission on Farmers recommended provision of one acre of land per household wherever feasible. The National Policy for Farmers, 2007, which was approved by the